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Bluesky Cracks Down on Accounts, Faces Criticism

In a move that has sparked outrage from users, Bluesky, the social media platform, has closed down a large number of accounts in recent weeks. While the company has not publicly disclosed the reasons for the mass account closures, users are pointing to the platform's heavy-handed approach to content moderation as the likely culprit.

One user, who wished to remain anonymous, received a letter from Bluesky stating that their account had been terminated due to violating the platform's terms of service. However, the user argued that the same content was readily available on other platforms like Internet Archive, Facebook, Slideserve, and Slideshare, suggesting a double standard.

In a blistering response, the user called out Bluesky for its lack of tolerance for humor and sarcasm compared to other sites. "You will have to live with your level of censorship, because that is what it is all about," they wrote. "The USA has lost its status as a country with freedom of the press and is also now seen as a dubious democracy.“

The user also highlighted the platform's relatively small reader base compared to their own, claiming to have 1.4 million followers, with 90% hailing from the United States and 250,000 new additions each year.

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"I strongly doubt your censorship," they declared, labeling Bluesky and similar companies as "mini dictatorships" that, while not jailing users, were nonetheless suppressing free speech.

Bluesky has faced mounting criticism in recent months over its content moderation policies, with many accusing the platform of political bias and an over-reliance on AI algorithms to police user posts. The company has maintained that its goal is to create a safe and inclusive environment for all users, but detractors argue that this is coming at the cost of free expression.

As the debate around social media censorship continues to rage, Bluesky's crackdown on accounts has only fueled the flames. Users are increasingly turning to alternative platforms that promise greater freedom of speech, raising questions about the long-term viability of heavily moderated sites like Bluesky.

For now, the company remains tight-lipped about its specific reasons for the mass closures, leaving users to speculate and criticize. One thing is clear, however: the battle for control over online speech is far from over, and Bluesky is just the latest front in an increasingly contentious war.

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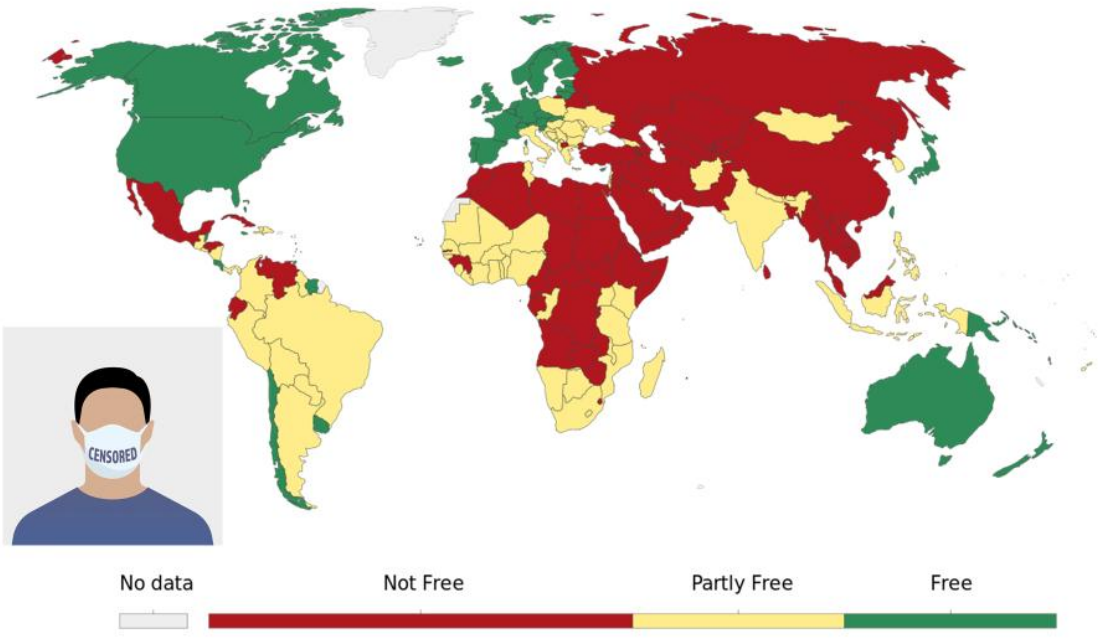
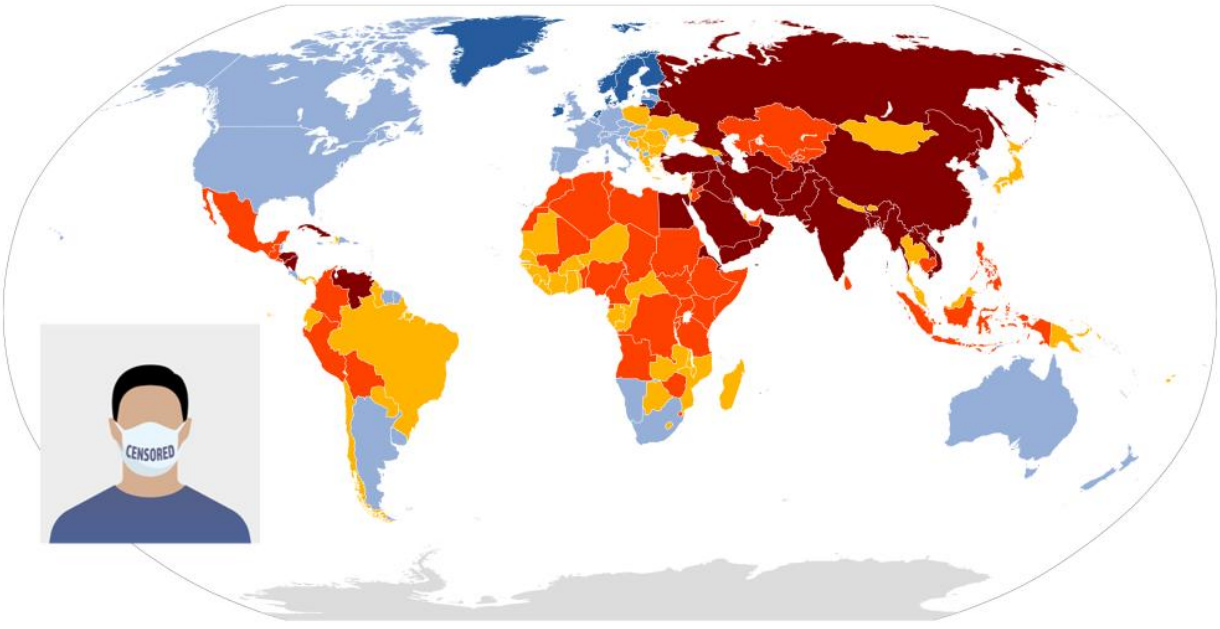
World Map of the Freedom of the Press Status

The Freedom of the Press Status is measured by Freedom House. It measures the level of freedom and editorial independence enjoyed by the press.



Source: Freedom House, Freedom of the Press Status (2017)



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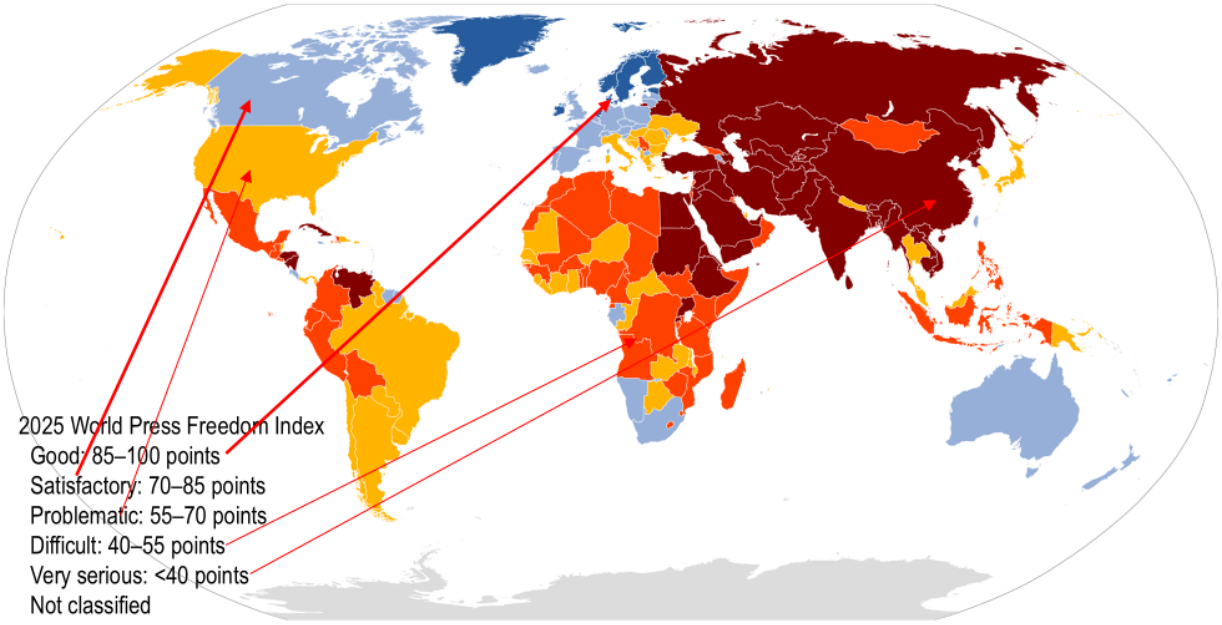

The World Press Freedom Index (WPFI) is an annual ranking of countries compiled and published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) since 2002 based upon the non-governmental organization's own assessment of the countries' press freedom records in the previous year. It intends to reflect the degree of freedom that journalists, news organizations, and netizens have in each country, and the efforts made by authorities to respect this freedom. Reporters Without Borders notes that the WPFI only deals with press freedom and does not measure the quality of journalism in the countries it assesses, nor does it look at human rights violations in general.

2025 World Press Freedom Index

Good: 85–100 points
Satisfactory: 70–85 points
Problematic: 55–70 points
Difficult: 40–55 points
Very serious: <40 points
Not classified

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Misanthropy is the general hatred, dislike, or distrust of the human species, human behavior, or human nature. A misanthrope or misanthropist is someone who holds such views or feelings. Misanthropy involves a negative evaluative attitude toward humanity that is based on humankind's flaws.

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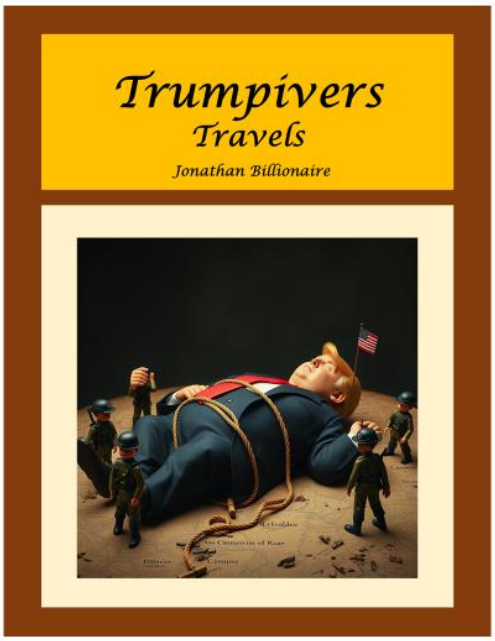

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Internet censorship can significantly impact a country's development by hindering access to information, limiting free expression, and potentially stifling economic growth and innovation. While some argue that censorship can protect against harmful content or maintain social order, others contend that it undermines democratic values, restricts human rights, and can even exacerbate corruption.

1. **Impact on Development:**

Economic Growth:

Censorship can impede economic development by restricting access to information, hindering innovation, and discouraging foreign investment.

Social Progress:

Limiting access to diverse perspectives and information can hinder social progress by restricting the free exchange of ideas and limiting the ability of citizens to organize and advocate for change.

Democratic Values:

Censorship undermines democratic values by restricting freedom of speech, assembly, and access to information, all of which are crucial for a healthy democracy.

Corruption:

While some argue that censorship can combat corruption by controlling the spread of information, others contend that it can actually exacerbate corruption by shielding those in power from scrutiny and accountability.

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2. **Types of Internet Censorship:**

Content Filtering: Blocking access to specific websites or content based on keywords, IP addresses, or URLs.

Platform Blocking: Restricting access to social media platforms or other communication tools.

Network Shutdowns: Temporarily or permanently shutting down internet access, often during times of political unrest.

Surveillance: Monitoring online activity to identify and suppress dissent.

Self-Censorship: Individuals or organizations censoring themselves to avoid potential repercussions.

3. **Censorship and Circumvention:**

Circumvention Tools: Users often employ tools like VPNs, proxies, and **Tor to bypass censorship and access blocked content.**

The "Great Firewall": China's extensive censorship system, known as the "Great Firewall," utilizes a combination of technologies to filter and block content.

"Harmonization": The term used by some in China to refer to internet censorship.

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4. **The Global Picture:**

Freedom on the Net:

Freedom House's annual report assesses internet freedom in countries around the world, tracking trends in censorship and surveillance.

Web Index:

The World Wide Web Foundation's Web Index measures the web's contribution to social, economic, and political progress, including factors related to censorship.

Global Trends:

Internet freedom has declined (in 14 years) globally in recent years, with governments increasingly using various methods to control online content and activity.

5. **Conclusion:**

Internet censorship presents a complex challenge with significant implications for development. While it can be used to address certain concerns, it also poses risks to human rights, economic growth, and democratic values. Understanding the different forms of censorship and the tools used to circumvent them is crucial for promoting a free and open internet.

Unveiling the Stones: An Enlightening Walk Along the Great Wall of China

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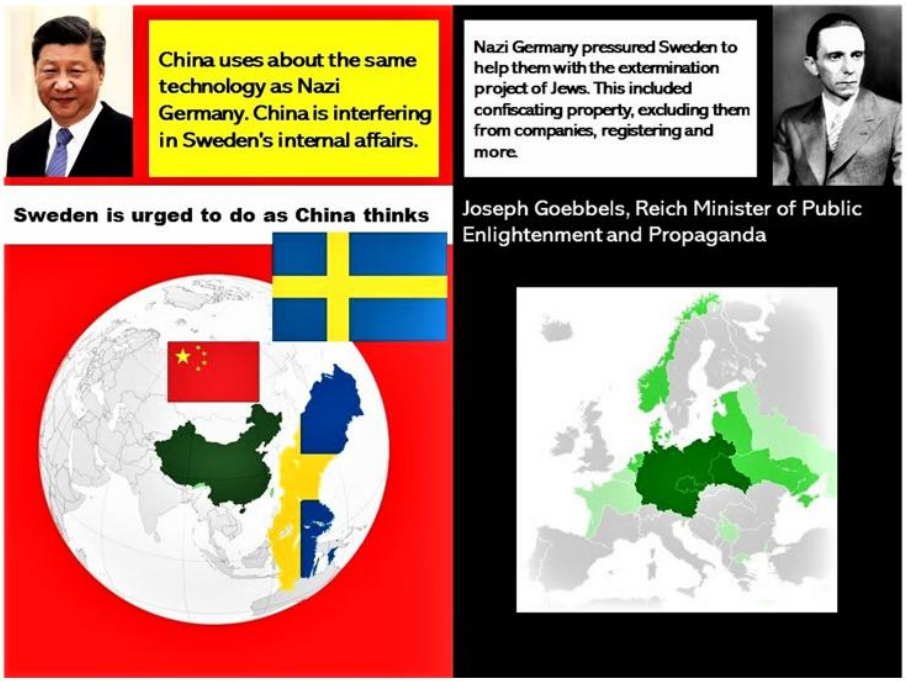
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China's ambassador to Sweden reprimands Kenneth G. Forslund, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, by letter. China does not like the criticism that it is blackmailing Lithuania into changing its view of Taiwan. Lithuania wants to develop its relations positively with Taiwan. Sweden is protesting against China's methods of interfering in Lithuania's internal affairs and attempts to act with censorship. The same method as in Nazi Germany that pressured Sweden's freedom of expression 1939 -1945.

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